

**Table 1**  
**Labour force characteristics by age and sex, Canada, seasonally adjusted**

	January 2009	February 2009	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>15 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	27,128.1	<b>27,161.2</b>	...	<b>33.1</b>	62.5	386.4	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	1.4
Labour force	18,292.1	<b>18,315.2</b>	27.1	<b>23.1</b>	-6.0	142.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.0	0.8
Employment	16,982.0	<b>16,899.4</b>	27.8	<b>-82.6</b>	-211.6	-207.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.2	-1.2
Employment full-time	13,807.8	<b>13,696.9</b>	36.2	<b>-110.9</b>	-224.8	-329.8	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.6	-2.4
Employment part-time	3,174.2	<b>3,202.5</b>	33.1	<b>28.3</b>	13.2	122.7	<b>0.9</b>	0.4	4.0
Unemployment	1,310.1	<b>1,415.9</b>	22.9	<b>105.8</b>	205.8	350.0	<b>8.1</b>	17.0	32.8
Participation rate	67.4	<b>67.4</b>	0.1	<b>0.0</b>	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.2	<b>7.7</b>	0.1	<b>0.5</b>	1.1	1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	<b>62.2</b>	0.1	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.9	-1.7	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.7	<b>19.0</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.9	...	...	...
<b>15 to 24 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	4,385.8	<b>4,387.4</b>	...	<b>1.6</b>	3.0	19.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	2,892.4	<b>2,911.8</b>	16.2	<b>19.4</b>	-18.7	-45.4	<b>0.7</b>	-0.6	-1.5
Employment	2,525.6	<b>2,496.9</b>	15.8	<b>-28.7</b>	-57.0	-119.6	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.2	-4.6
Employment full-time	1,373.7	<b>1,360.7</b>	18.2	<b>-13.0</b>	-30.2	-105.0	<b>-0.9</b>	-2.2	-7.2
Employment part-time	1,151.9	<b>1,136.2</b>	18.9	<b>-15.7</b>	-26.8	-14.6	<b>-1.4</b>	-2.3	-1.3
Unemployment	366.8	<b>414.9</b>	13.6	<b>48.1</b>	38.2	74.3	<b>13.1</b>	10.1	21.8
Participation rate	65.9	<b>66.4</b>	0.4	<b>0.5</b>	-0.4	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	12.7	<b>14.2</b>	0.4	<b>1.5</b>	1.3	2.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.6	<b>56.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.3	-3.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	45.6	<b>45.5</b>	0.6	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	1.5	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, men</b>									
Population	11,116.6	<b>11,132.7</b>	...	<b>16.1</b>	30.0	184.9	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.7
Labour force	8,188.9	<b>8,158.7</b>	13.6	<b>-30.2</b>	-14.0	59.6	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	0.7
Employment	7,638.5	<b>7,563.0</b>	15.2	<b>-75.5</b>	-136.3	-138.1	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.8	-1.8
Employment full-time	7,095.1	<b>6,986.1</b>	19.7	<b>-109.0</b>	-172.8	-232.9	<b>-1.5</b>	-2.4	-3.2
Employment part-time	543.3	<b>576.9</b>	15.5	<b>33.6</b>	36.5	94.7	<b>6.2</b>	6.8	19.6
Unemployment	550.5	<b>595.7</b>	13.2	<b>45.2</b>	122.3	197.7	<b>8.2</b>	25.8	49.7
Participation rate	73.7	<b>73.3</b>	0.1	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.7	<b>7.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.6</b>	1.5	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	68.7	<b>67.9</b>	0.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.4	-2.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.1	<b>7.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	0.6	1.4	...	...	...
<b>25 years and over, women</b>									
Population	11,625.7	<b>11,641.1</b>	...	<b>15.4</b>	29.5	182.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.6
Labour force	7,210.8	<b>7,244.7</b>	15.7	<b>33.9</b>	26.8	128.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	1.8
Employment	6,817.9	<b>6,839.5</b>	15.8	<b>21.6</b>	-18.3	50.6	<b>0.3</b>	-0.3	0.7
Employment full-time	5,339.0	<b>5,350.1</b>	23.5	<b>11.1</b>	-21.8	8.1	<b>0.2</b>	-0.4	0.2
Employment part-time	1,478.9	<b>1,489.4</b>	21.7	<b>10.5</b>	3.5	42.5	<b>0.7</b>	0.2	2.9
Unemployment	392.9	<b>405.2</b>	12.3	<b>12.3</b>	45.2	77.9	<b>3.1</b>	12.6	23.8
Participation rate	62.0	<b>62.2</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.6	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.6	<b>58.8</b>	0.1	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.7	<b>21.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.5	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, both sexes</b>									
Population	14,470.2	<b>14,476.9</b>	...	<b>6.7</b>	10.4	95.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.7
Labour force	12,528.7	<b>12,508.0</b>	20.1	<b>-20.7</b>	-34.9	33.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	0.3
Employment	11,757.7	<b>11,696.7</b>	21.8	<b>-61.0</b>	-171.8	-179.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.4	-1.5
Unemployment	771.0	<b>811.3</b>	16.9	<b>40.3</b>	136.9	212.7	<b>5.2</b>	20.3	35.5
Participation rate	86.6	<b>86.4</b>	0.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>6.5</b>	0.1	<b>0.3</b>	1.1	1.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	81.3	<b>80.8</b>	0.2	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.2	-1.8	...	...	...

See footnotes at the end of the table.

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<b>25 to 54 years, men</b>									
Population	7,229.3	<b>7,233.3</b>	...	<b>4.0</b>	6.0	50.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.1	0.7
Labour force	6,590.1	<b>6,555.4</b>	12.7	<b>-34.7</b>	-35.9	-13.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.5	-0.2
Employment	6,139.2	<b>6,073.7</b>	14.7	<b>-65.5</b>	-134.1	-169.5	<b>-1.1</b>	-2.2	-2.7
Unemployment	450.9	<b>481.8</b>	12.2	<b>30.9</b>	98.3	156.2	<b>6.9</b>	25.6	48.0
Participation rate	91.2	<b>90.6</b>	0.2	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	<b>7.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.5</b>	1.5	2.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	84.9	<b>84.0</b>	0.2	<b>-0.9</b>	-1.9	-2.9	...	...	...
<b>25 to 54 years, women</b>									
Population	7,240.8	<b>7,243.6</b>	...	<b>2.8</b>	4.5	45.0	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.6
Labour force	5,938.6	<b>5,952.6</b>	15.0	<b>14.0</b>	1.1	46.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.8
Employment	5,618.5	<b>5,623.1</b>	15.5	<b>4.6</b>	-37.6	-10.1	<b>0.1</b>	-0.7	-0.2
Unemployment	320.1	<b>329.5</b>	11.5	<b>9.4</b>	38.6	56.5	<b>2.9</b>	13.3	20.7
Participation rate	82.0	<b>82.2</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.0	0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.4	<b>5.5</b>	0.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	77.6	<b>77.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-0.6	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, both sexes</b>									
Population	8,272.2	<b>8,296.9</b>	...	<b>24.7</b>	49.1	271.9	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	3.4
Labour force	2,871.1	<b>2,895.4</b>	15.8	<b>24.3</b>	47.7	155.1	<b>0.8</b>	1.7	5.7
Employment	2,698.7	<b>2,705.8</b>	15.8	<b>7.1</b>	17.1	92.1	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	3.5
Unemployment	172.4	<b>189.6</b>	8.0	<b>17.2</b>	30.6	62.9	<b>10.0</b>	19.2	49.6
Participation rate	34.7	<b>34.9</b>	0.2	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	<b>6.5</b>	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	0.9	1.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	32.6	<b>32.6</b>	0.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, men</b>									
Population	3,887.3	<b>3,899.4</b>	...	<b>12.1</b>	24.1	134.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	3.6
Labour force	1,598.9	<b>1,603.3</b>	10.4	<b>4.4</b>	21.9	72.9	<b>0.3</b>	1.4	4.8
Employment	1,499.3	<b>1,489.3</b>	10.5	<b>-10.0</b>	-2.2	31.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.1	2.1
Unemployment	99.6	<b>114.0</b>	5.8	<b>14.4</b>	24.1	41.6	<b>14.5</b>	26.8	57.5
Participation rate	41.1	<b>41.1</b>	0.3	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.2	<b>7.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.9</b>	1.4	2.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	38.6	<b>38.2</b>	0.3	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.3	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>55 years and over, women</b>									
Population	4,384.9	<b>4,397.5</b>	...	<b>12.6</b>	25.0	137.5	<b>0.3</b>	0.6	3.2
Labour force	1,272.2	<b>1,292.1</b>	10.9	<b>19.9</b>	25.8	82.1	<b>1.6</b>	2.0	6.8
Employment	1,199.4	<b>1,216.4</b>	10.9	<b>17.0</b>	19.2	60.7	<b>1.4</b>	1.6	5.3
Unemployment	72.8	<b>75.7</b>	5.4	<b>2.9</b>	6.5	21.4	<b>4.0</b>	9.4	39.4
Participation rate	29.0	<b>29.4</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	1.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.7	<b>5.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.4	1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	27.4	<b>27.7</b>	0.3	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	0.6	...	...	...

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

Note(s): Related CANSIM table 282-0087.